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DIARY NOTES

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8 June 1954

25X1A9a 1. At Ed Saunders' request agreed to ask the Project Review Committee to allow Mr. [REDACTED] Chief, Budget Division, to attend future Meetings of the Committee as an observer.

25X1A9a 2. Ed Saunders discussed with me a proposed reduction in his table of organization in order to conform to present ceilings, but, at the same time, showed me a memorandum from the Finance Division which stated that the Division needed twenty more positions to adequately perform its job. I told Ed that he could defer action on both the reduction in his table of organization and the request for an additional twenty positions until I could get the Management Staff to make a thorough survey of the situation. I later asked [REDACTED] to let me know as soon as possible when he could undertake such a survey.

25X1A6a 3. Ed and I went over a list of projects to be undertaken [REDACTED] 25X1A6a [REDACTED] during the Fourth Quarter and I gave him my approval.

25X1A9a 4. Met with Matt Baird and [REDACTED] Office of Training, and [REDACTED] 25X1A9a and [REDACTED], Logistics Office, to discuss the number of renovation and repair projects to be undertaken at Project [REDACTED] Two big items needing resolution concern the air strip, which is already in need of serious repair, and the renovation of the old warehouse which we are now using in order to avoid further deterioration. [REDACTED] is preparing a Memorandum for the Record as a result of this meeting. H

25X1A9a 5. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that the big press was moved yesterday from the basement of Central Building to the Reproduction and Printing Plant [REDACTED] 25X1A and advised that it was expected that the press would be in operation at its new location within two weeks. H

25X1A9a 6. Jim asked for an extension of time in connection with the submission of recommendations on [REDACTED] paper concerning the procurement of communications material and I told him to take until Friday.

25X1A9a 7. Dr. Tietjen was over for his weekly briefing. He reported that Dr. [REDACTED] was being processed to enter on active duty and that no decision had yet been made as to whether he would undertake his external training program on 1 July or in September. I told John that I thought Dr. [REDACTED] should realize that even though we may have made a mistake in his case we went to quite a bit of trouble to get it corrected and that I would prefer to see him undertake his training in September.

25X1A9a 8. Dr. Tietjen reported that he had been asked to attend a meeting with General Cabell and [REDACTED] with reference to assigning a doctor on [REDACTED] 25X1A6a and that General Cabell had asked him to pick up the ball on the matter. I told John to make sure that there was no possibility of assigning a doctor on [REDACTED] 25X1A6a permanently before we considered sending people out on temporary duty.

9. I asked Kirk to forward for my consideration the administrative section of the report of his inspection of the Technical Services Staff, which he agreed to do.

10. I talked to Harry Reynolds about getting a full time Placement Officer for the DD/A Career Service Board and he told me that he had this very much in mind and would take care of it. I also gave Harry our proposed Regulation which outlines the relationship of the Security Office, the Medical Office, and the Office of Training with the Office of Personnel. Asked him to return it to me with his concurrence or comments as soon as possible.

25X1A9a 11. Ed Saunders, [REDACTED] and I met with Mr. [REDACTED] of the SE Division and later with Messrs. [REDACTED] of the IO Division to review their country programs. Mr. [REDACTED] Office of the COA/DDP, was also present.

25X1A9a 12. Met with Messrs. Saunders, [REDACTED] Office of the COA/DDP), [REDACTED] 25X1A9a (Plans and Policy Staff, DD/P), [REDACTED] (Office of Communications), [REDACTED] 25X1A9a (Office of Training), [REDACTED] (Office of the DD/I), and Reynolds (Office of Personnel), to tell them that the Director would meet with Mr. Hughes, Director, Bureau of the Budget, sometime next week to discuss the big picture for Fiscal Year 1956. Asked them to submit in as brief a form as possible those notes pertaining to their Offices which would be of assistance to the Director in this conference. (The Comptroller will put them together and we should get them to the Director by the end of the week.)

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25X1A2d1 13. Noted a report from the Deputy Director (Plans) to the Director concerning the status of [REDACTED] turnover which can be summarized as follows:

Joint recommendations of the CIA [REDACTED] Mission and MAAG are to be hand-25X1A6a carried to CINQPAC, Honolulu, by 15 June, after which representatives of CINQPAC, MAAG, and CIA will bring the recommendations to Washington by 1 July. It is estimated that it will take three months to process these papers in Washington and two additional months for the field to make the turnover. On this basis the turnover will probably be about January, 1955.

25X1A9a 14. Discussed with Ed Saunders the possibility of promoting two supergrades within the Office of the Comptroller. Those who should be considered are Messrs. [REDACTED] We considered it inadvisable to proceed with

25X1A9a [REDACTED] at this time, and, inasmuch as Mr. [REDACTED] was promoted to 25X1A9a grade GS-15 in July, 1953, we decided to defer his promotion until he had had at least 18 months in grade.

15. Mr. Nease, Chief Clerk of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee, telephoned Ed Saunders to say that he had reminded Senator Bridges that he should call Mr. Dulles with reference to the transfer of funds to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that the Senator said he would do so in the near future. Mr. Nease also told Ed that he had heard that we were going to be investigated and was wondering if there were any truth in it. Ed said that he knew nothing except what everyone else knew as a result of the McCarthy Hearings. (I wonder if there might not be more than meets the eye here in view of the relationship of Mr. Nease and Senator Bridges.)

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25X1A9a 16. [REDACTED] was up to brief me on Project [REDACTED]. I should remember that I signed a card stating that I had been briefed and that I would not discuss the matter with other people without first determining that they had also been briefed. I also have the obligation of being debriefed on this matter if my official duties should change in such a way that I no longer need to know about this Project. Frank advised me that Jim Garrison had been briefed but that [REDACTED] had not. He is going to brief Ted and will advise me when that has been done.

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